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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4857th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

   Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2003/1069)

Morning[1] . . . . . 4858th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The importance of mine action for peacekeeping operations

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

4.30 p.m. . . . . 81st meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

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[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4857th meeting.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 22nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.10, A/C.4/58/L.11, A/C.4/58/L.12, A/C.4/58/L.13, A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.15, A/C.4/58/L.16 and A/C.4/58/L.22

2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . . [84]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.17, A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1 and A/C.4/58/L.21

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 43rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–4.30 p.m. 44th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/58/118, A/58/118/Corr.1, A/58/121, A/58/181, A/58/181/Add.1, A/58/185, A/58/185/Add.1, A/58/185/Add.2, A/58/186, A/58/212, A/58/255, A/58/257, A/58/261, A/58/266, A/58/268, A/58/275, A/58/276, A/58/276/Add.1, A/58/279, A/58/296, A/58/309, A/58/317, A/58/318, A/58/330, A/58/380, A/58/533 and A/C.3/58/9)

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/58/219, A/58/448, A/58/127, A/58/427, A/58/379, A/58/334, A/58/218, A/58/338, A/58/534, A/58/325, A/58/393, A/58/421 and A/C.3/58/6)

   (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/36)

   Introductory statements by and dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [112]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.37/Rev.1, A/C.3/58/L.38, A/C.3/58/L.39, A/C.3/58/L.40, A/C.3/58/L.41 and A/C.3/58/L.43

3. Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [116]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.32 and A/C.3/58/L.35

4. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments . . . [117 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.42 and A/C.3/58/L.45

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part V: Regional cooperation for development (A/58/6 (Sect. 19), A/58/6 (Sect. 20), A/58/6 (Sect. 21), A/58/6 (Sect. 22), A/58/6 (Sect. 23), A/58/6 (Sect. 24)); and Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs (A/58/6 (Sect. 25), A/58/6 (Sect. 26), A/58/6 (Sect. 27), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16))

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 59 (Strengthening of the United Nations system: Improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5); Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the United Nations budgetary process (A/58/375, A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5); and Intergovernmental review of the medium-term plan and the programme budget (A/57/786))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003
2. Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.13 entitled "United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda item 96) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 entitled "Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Czech Republic)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7 entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa"; and A/C.2/58/L.15 entitled "International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2004" (agenda item 94 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria)

12 noon–2 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

1–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24 entitled "Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries" (agenda item 97 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

2.45–4.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27 entitled "Women in development" (agenda item 93 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Other meetings

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Thursday, 13 November 2003

Group of 77 *(on poverty eradication)*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(on the Marrakech Conference on South-South Cooperation)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(on humanitarian issues)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: environment; and sustainable development issues)*

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: globalization; corruption; Almaty Programme of Action; and other issues)*

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group))

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cuba)

1–2.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right to development" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights defenders (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the role of the United Nations and enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (agenda item 117 (c)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The incompatibility between democracy and racism" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

4.45–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Panel discussion on "Human Rights and Terrorism"

There will be a panel discussion on "Human Rights and Terrorism", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights, *today,* 13 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The speakers will be the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bertrand Ramcharan; the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders, Ms. Hina Jilani; the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture, Mr. Theo van Boven; and the representative of Amnesty International, Ms. Yvonne Terlingen. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 13 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

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Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Ms. Hina Jilani, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders

12.45 p.m. . . . . Ambassador Martin Dahinden (Switzerland); and Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations (on the activities of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 14 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Friday, 14 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations under agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Friday, 14 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html). Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (agenda item 117 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (agenda item 117 (b)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, on Friday, 14 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco, will be held on Friday, 14 November 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

There will be a seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, on Friday, 14 November 2003, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963-6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* from 17 to 21 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 18 and 26 November 2003, in Conference Room 9; 2 December, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal consultation on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Monday, 17 November 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

UNICEF/WHO briefing

There will be a briefing by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on "Latest Developments in the Global Effort to Eliminate Polio" on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Lebohang Moleko, Permanent Representative of Lesotho. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Symposia on population and development

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS", organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend. This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 12 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

34th meeting

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development . . . . [104]

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

(b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Japan, Croatia, Indonesia, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Tuvalu (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States).

Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [91]

(a) International trade and development

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.32 and A/C.2/58/L.33

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolutions, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation . . . . . [93]

(c) International migration and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development . . . . . [94]

(a) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.26

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.30

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly . . . . [101]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.31 and A/C.2/58/L.35

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolutions, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Third United Conference on Least Developed Countries . . . . . [102]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.34

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

At the request of the representative of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee postponed the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under items 100 and 104 to Friday, 14 November, at 6 p.m.

Third Committee

41st meeting

Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur, in which the delegations of Switzerland, Brazil and Italy (on behalf of the European Union) took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur, in which the delegations of Myanmar, the United States, China, the Republic of Korea, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Republic of Tanzania took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi made an introductory statement.

The Committee engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur, in which the delegations of Burundi and Italy (on behalf of the European Union) took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo made an introductory statement.

The Committee engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur, in which the delegations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Italy (on behalf of the European Union) took part.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the list of speakers for sub-items 117 (b), (c) and (e) would be closed on Thursday, 13 November, at 1 p.m, and that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under the sub-items was Monday 17 November, at 6 p.m.

Following the statement by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to accommodate all the remaining speakers inscribed on the list under sub-items 117 (b), (c) and (e), on Friday, 14 November, and on Monday, 17 November 2003.

42nd meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.37/Rev.1

The representative of the Sudan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the African Group, as well as Cyprus, the Czech Republic and Norway.

Denmark and Italy joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.38

The representative of the Sudan introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Madagascar, Pakistan, Panama, Qatar, Turkey, Yemen and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.43

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Norway, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.42

The representative of Denmark introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Eritrea, Lithuania, Mali, Malta, Monaco, South Africa and Ukraine.

Ecuador, Estonia, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Namibia and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.44

The representative of Sweden introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Greece, Lithuania, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Serbia and Montenegro, South Africa and Ukraine.

Estonia, Lesotho and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.45

The representative of Mexico introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Ecuador, Egypt, Honduras, Paraguay and Senegal.

Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Mali, Tunisia and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.30/Rev.1

The representative of Israel introduced the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian territories made introductory statements.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteurs, in which the delegations of Israel, the Syrian Arab Republic, Switzerland, Turkey, the United States, Kuwait, Italy, Iraq, Egypt and Yemen took part.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 59th plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2003/217, p. 14): the text relating to agenda item 16 (b) (Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme) *should read* as follows:

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme . . . . . [16 (b)]

Since the number of candidates endorsed by the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern Europe States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western Europe and other States was equal to the number of seats allocated to each of those regions, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Hungary, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, the Netherlands, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sweden, Turkey, Tuvalu, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania were declared elected members of Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

The General Assembly concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 16.

Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 12 November 2003

577th meeting — *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]

The Committee examined the third periodic report of Morocco (CAT/C/66/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention . . . . . [9]

The Committee examined communications under article 22 of the Convention.

578th meeting — *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Colombia (CAT/C/39/Add.4).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Tuesday, 11 November 2003

32nd–33rd meetings — *Consideration of reports* . . . . . [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of the Republic of Moldova (E/1990/5/Add.52). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Wednesday, 12 November 2003

34th meeting — *Consideration of reports* . . . . . [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of the Republic of Moldova (E/1990/5/Add.52).

35th meeting — The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Yemen. In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meeting, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Corrigendum — Corrigendum to the summary of the meetings of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights held on Monday, 10 November 2003 (see *Journal* No. 2003/217, p. 19): the numbers of the meetings *should read* 30th and 31st *instead of* 1st and 2nd.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Colombia (11 November 2003)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Jordan (11 November 2003)[1]

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Seychelles (12 November 2003)[1]

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Seychelles (12 November 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the DPI/NGO briefing will be a DPI/NGO Communications Workshop on "United Nations and Civil Society: Communications Issues"; to be held *today*, 13 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004

The Secretary-General will lead the launch in New York of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004. The event, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will take place on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. The theme of this year's launch is "Hear Our Voices". Mr. Jan Egeland, Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, as well as the President of the Security Council, will address the gathering.

Other launch events will be held on Wednesday, 19 November, in six other donor capitals – Geneva, Brussels, Copenhagen, Ottawa, Washington and Dublin – as well as locally in each affected country for which there is an appeal.

These events will focus on the role of the international community in meeting the urgent humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable of the world's population. The countries and regions for which the humanitarian community will appeal for support in 2004 are: Angola, Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Chechnya and neighbouring Republics (Russian Federation), Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Great Lakes Region, Guinea, Liberia, occupied Palestinian territory, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Southern Africa Region, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe West Africa and Zimbabwe.

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A/C.3/58/L.45 Item 117 (a) — Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments — 13-Power draft resolution — International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families [A C E F R S]

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